

# MASTER OF ARTS

The Master of Arts (MA) degree is offered in both a thesis- and course-based format. Both streams are student-centered and research-oriented in their approach allowing students to work with their supervisor to choose courses based on their area of interest. The thesis-based stream emphasizes the development of research skills, while the course-based approach allows students to explore a wider breadth of study. Students in the MA program have the opportunity to specialize in the Recreation and Leisure Studies (RLS) area, and will receive an MA (RLS) degree upon graduation.

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(MA - Recreation, Sport and Tourism)



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# AS AN MA STUDENT YOU WILL:

- Foster your ability to do high quality, scientifically rigorous research in your discipline
- Expand your understanding of concepts, theories and practices in your discipline
- Receive the knowledge base and skills to analyze and evaluate programs, policies, environmental issues, and organizational structures related to applied health sciences
- Enhance your abilities to apply and disseminate new knowledge and practices to colleagues, practitioners, policy makers/analysts, and other professionals in applied health sciences
- Gain in-depth training, knowledge and research experience while also benefiting from the broad, cross-disciplinary approach in this program

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: AREAS OF RESEARCH

- Upon applying, must have an academic supervisor
- English Language Proficiency requirement for international students
- An admission grade point average of 3 on most 4-point grading systems or B on most letter grading systems, based on your most recent two years of full time study (or equivalent) is required.
- Undergraduate degree or equivalent (Physical Education, Kinesiology, or Recreation recommended but not required)

## APPLICATION DEADLINE: February 1, 2019

The MA degree prepares you for an advanced career in a wide range of settings related to sport, recreation and kinesiology. You will have advanced knowledge of the area that you focus on with your supervisor, as well as an advanced professional capacity in the form of analytical, evaluation and program planning, research, writing, and time management skills.

You may wish to work in a research centre or an advanced coaching setting. Perhaps shaping health and recreation policies is where you see yourself. What you can do is largely dependent on your focus of study, the opportunities you take advantage of for professional connections, and your personal vision.

Areas of Research in the MA program include:

- Active Healthy Children
- Adapted Physical Activity
- Exercise Psychology
- Fitness Leadership
- Leisure
- Recreation
- Sociocultural Studies of Sport & Leisure
- Sport Management
- Sport Psychology
- Tourism



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VALUE OF ALL GRADUATE  
AND UNDERGRADUATE

*"For me, the U of A is a home away from home and is full of friends I now consider family, I look forward to spending time with on our great campus."*

*My qualitative research is currently focused on understanding parent and child perceptions of risk in children's outdoor play experiences, within the context of a pop-up play space."*

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